

DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
TAHINI RIVER RESEARCH STATION

I. Decision

It is my decision that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grant a lease to the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for a period of ten years or until the lands are conveyed to the State of Alaska. The lease is for an existing site at the Tahini River Research Station. The station is located within a portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 12, T. 26 S., R. 55 E., Copper River Meridian, Alaska, and is approximately 0.2 acres. The applicant will pay the fair market rental value for the use of the land.

Stipulations are attached to the Decision Record and the lease.

II. Rationale for Decision

The decision to authorize the Proposed Action will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The Proposed Action will authorize ADF&G to operate and maintain their Research Station on State Selected land.

No land use plan exists for this area. However, the environmental analysis assesses the impacts of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for a decision on the proposal (43 CFR 1610.8(b)(1)).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance

No measurable restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) have been found.

/s/ Peter Ditton, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

October 10, 2000
Date

2 Attachments

- 1-Environmental Assessment AK-040-EA00-027
- 2-Stipulations

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS

1. The outhouse should be above the highest flood stage mark of the Tahini/Chilkat River and in accordance with the standards set by the Alaska Administrative Code (18 AAC 72).
2. Natural vegetation shall be cleared or trimmed only when necessary to provide a suitable site for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the camp.
3. The lessee shall secure all improvements and remove all refuse when the site is not in use.
4. The lessee shall back fill the outhouse pit at the end of each summer.
5. All garbage and food must be stored in bear proof containers. Garbage should be hauled out regularly, or if burned on site, ashes and non-combustible materials hauled out.